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**SMALL AIRPLANE
REVITALIZATION ACT OF 2013**

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE POMPEO

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2013

Mr. POMPEO. Mr. Speaker, I submit this letter of support from the International Association of Machinists on H.R. 1848, the Small Aircraft Revitalization Act.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS,
Upper Marlboro, MD, July 16, 2013.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: As the largest union in the general aviation industry, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) strongly supports the Small Airplane Revitalization Act of 2013, H.R. 1848. This bipartisan legislation will provide much needed support to an often over looked, but important sector of the U.S. aerospace industry.

After an extensive review of the current regulatory structure that garnered input from government and industry experts, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aviation Rulemaking Committee developed the recommendations that form the basis for H.R. 1848. Under this legislation, the FAA will modernize the regulatory structure for small, certified aircraft—commonly referred to as Part 23 Aircraft by the end of 2015. Modernizing the existing cumbersome regulatory structure and process will have the beneficial effect of improving safety while stimulating much needed investment.

I urge your support of this important legislation. It will make general aviation safer and help grow an industry that has been a source of good paying American jobs.

If you have any questions, please contact Legislative Director Hasan Solomon.

Sincerely,

R. THOMAS BUFFENBARGER,
International President.

HOPE FOR THE CITY

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the hard work of a great foundation from Minnesota, Hope for the City. Hope for the City has contributed over \$550 million worth of excess corporate resources to benefit organizations locally in Minnesota and internationally. Their contributions include over 5 million pounds of food a year, as well as medical equipment, toiletries, clothing, sporting goods and toys.

I was able to tour and volunteer at the Hope for the City recently. This facility provides assets to battle childhood hunger and poor living conditions while instilling an insightful perspective of who their organization aims to help and how they intend to accomplish it.

The ambition shown by this group is an uplifting approach to fighting poverty around the world. The impact of Hope for the City's success is certainly appreciated in Minnesota, but also all over the globe.

Thanks to Hope for the City and its great staff and volunteers for your steadfast service to those in need.

**RECOGNIZING A GROUP OF PATRIOTIC
REPUBLICAN WOMEN, THE
TRACY REPUBLICAN WOMEN,
FEDERATED**

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a group of patriotic Republican women who, 60 years ago, established the Tracy Republican Women, Federated, for the benefit of like-minded women, to educate and inform themselves and others. It is an honor to congratulate them on their 60th Anniversary.

Over the years, club members have contributed countless hours volunteering for candidates who support the principles and core values of the Republican Party. The group has registered hundreds of new voters and reached out to educate the community on the Republican Party's beliefs.

In addition to being club members, many of the women have also served in the community as members of the board of California Federation of Republican Women (CFRW), as well as the San Joaquin Board of Supervisors, San Joaquin Board of Education, City Council, Tracy School District, and Republican Central Committee. They have also participated in activities such as Relay for Life, sponsoring needy families at Christmas time, and supporting our troops both financially and by sending care packages have been personally created by the Tracy Republican Women, Federated.

Tracy Republican Women, Federated has looked to the future by providing scholarships for young Republican women to help them continue to fight for the freedom that is so dear to us all and pursue their educational endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating with the Tracy Republican Women, Federated and the tremendous opportunities that lie ahead in their efforts to fulfill their vision for the future. Congratulations on their work the past 60 years. I wish them every success in their continued endeavors in support of our nation, its freedom, and its history.

**60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN
WAR ARMISTICE/25TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE BUFFALO
KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL**

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our nation's Korean war veterans with the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Buffalo's Korean war Memorial and the 60th anniversary of the Korean war armistice. Dedicated to the service of those soldiers who were killed in action, the memorial honors the courageous sacrifices and immense contributions by Korean war troops while defending our nation.

July 27, 2013, marks the 60th anniversary of the date on which the Armistice was signed, signaling the close of tensions on the Korean peninsula though technically the war is still ongoing. No peace treaty was signed, and still today there are troops stationed along the demilitarized zone, where shots are occasionally fired, demonstrating soldiers are still risking their lives for freedom in Korea.

The Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park contains several war memorials, including one honoring the Korean war. This memorial contains two parts: the focal point is a granite relief structure with two soldiers adorned in combat gear on patrol in a field with the word "Korea" underneath. The memorial has an inscription on the back which includes the members of the Korean war Memorial Committee, and the names of the landscape architect, artist, and contractor. The sides of the satellite pedestal list those soldiers killed in action. The top of the pedestal is engraved with military emblems. The inscription on the embedded time capsule states: "Korean war Memorial Time Capsule—Open April 28, 2090."

This war has often been nicknamed the "Forgotten War," because no GI Bill existed for these troops, there were no homecoming celebrations, there was no notable surrender or end-date: the war concluded with long drawn out negotiations and the American public lost interest.

This memorial honors these soldiers who toiled abroad, just like soldiers in every other war. President Obama will even speak in Washington this Saturday, on the anniversary itself, at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, the first time an American president is attending an official ceremony for the Armistice.

On July 27, 1953, the Armistice Agreement was signed to halt the three-year conflict between South Korea, assisted by U.S.-led U.N. troops, and the invading North, supported by the Chinese military. According to the U.S. government, 36,573 American troops were killed, with 103,284 others wounded. The three years of war did halt the sweep of communism, guaranteed South Korean independence and freedom to an entire generation, and due to U.S. assistance, help South Korea grow to become the 10th greatest economy in the world.

It is with great pride that today I recognize the service of hundreds of thousands of American soldiers in the Korean war with the celebration of this memorial. Their service to our area and the nation as a whole is moving, and I am proud that Western New Yorkers have had and will continue to have a place to reflect on their legacy.

**OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT**

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,158,460,368.61. We've added \$6,111,281,411,455.53 to our debt in 4

and a half years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

**INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION
TO AMEND THE INTERNAL REVENUE
CODE OF 1986 TO PROVIDE
A CREDIT AGAINST TAX FOR
HURRICANE AND TORNADO MITIGATION
EXPENDITURES.**

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, today I introduced the Hurricane and Tornado Mitigation Investment Act of 2013. This legislation seeks to encourage individuals and businesses to take proactive preparedness measures to protect their property from potential storm damage. Recent tornado outbreaks across the country this spring, and the impending start of the Atlantic hurricane season, remind us that weather-related emergencies and disasters are ever-present. The bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow individual and business taxpayers a tax credit for a portion of their qualified hurricane and tornado mitigation property expenditures for any taxable year. They would be eligible when they take steps to improve the strength of a roof deck attachment; create a secondary water barrier; improve the durability of a roof covering; brace gable-end walls; reinforce the connections between a roof and supporting wall; protect against windborne debris; or protect exterior doors and garages. In short, this legislation will help communities mitigate against future weather related hazards. Taking mitigation steps now can make a huge difference. In many cases, it may help to reduce loss of life and property damage, while saving money and reducing insurance rates in the long run. I look forward to working with my colleagues to move this legislation through Congress.

TEAM KRAMER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud the Colorado State Junior Curling Champion team of Preston Kramer, Nathan Parry, Spencer Culbertson and Alec Celecki, who were coached by Matt Culbertson and Pam Finch.

These four young men competed as Team Kramer in the 2013 USA Junior National Curling Championships January 26–February 2, 2013, at Broomstones Curling Club in Wayland, Massachusetts. These young men won the Colorado State Championships and Regional Championships held in Oregon.

At the National Championships, Team Kramer competed against 9 other teams. Although the team did not win the tournament and a berth in the World Championships in Sochi, Russia, they were awarded the Curtis Cup, given to the team who exhibited sportsmanship, and the true spirit of the game of curling.

I commend these young men for their success on the curling sheet, and for their example of true sportsmanship. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same dedication and character in all their future endeavors.

**HONORING DR. ARNOLD L.
MITCHEM AS HE RECEIVES THE
INAUGURAL HAL D. PAYNE EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY LIFETIME
SERVICE AWARD**

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor to Dr. Arnold L. Mitchem, the inaugural recipient of the Hal D. Payne Educational Opportunity Lifetime Service Award by the Upward Bound Program of Buffalo State College.

Dr. Mitchem is recognized for his service as president of the Council for Opportunity in Education since 1986. This noble organization's mission is to advance and defend the ideal of equal educational opportunity in post-secondary education. The COE is a remarkably far-reaching program, serving close to 800,000 students annually by providing professional development and advocacy for nearly 2,800 federally funded college opportunity programs at more than 1,000 colleges nationwide.

Dr. Mitchem has dedicated his career to striving for equality and diversity in education. As a trustee for the College Board, a member of INROADS, Inc's first National Board, and as a past president of the Committee for Education Funding, he has greatly impacted the national discourse about inequality and education. He is the founding president of the Mid-America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel, a consortium dedicated to leveling the playing field for those least likely to enroll in college, including low-income, disabled, and first generation students.

A recipient of honorary doctorates from ten universities, Dr. Mitchem has been recognized across the country for his tireless efforts and passion. Additional awards and recognitions include the Arturo Schomburg Distinguished Service Award from the Association for Equality and Excellence in Education, Inc., and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

In addition to his professional accolades, Dr. Mitchem and his lovely wife Freda have raised four children together: Michael, Thea, Nichelle, and Adrienne.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor Dr. Arnold Mitchem as a true champion for equality in education and congratulate him as he receives the inaugural Hal D. Payne Educational Opportunity Lifetime Service Award. I am sincerely grateful for his service and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE EU'S
DESIGNATION OF HEZBOLLAH AS
A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION**

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 22, 2013

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, today, the European Union (EU) demonstrated its commitment to global security as the 28 EU member states spoke as one voice to condemn Hezbollah's deadly attack in Burgas, Bulgaria last year, and for plotting a similar attack in Cyprus.

As the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, I feel that it is difficult to determine where Hezbollah's civilian wing ends and militant one begins, but the EU's decision to designate the military wing of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization is a welcomed step. This designation will send a clear message to the international community that freedom-espousing democracies will not stand idly by in the face of coercive tactics and aggression by Hezbollah's leaders, militants, and their foreign financiers.

I am confident that following today's decision, more governments will follow suit and see Hezbollah for what it truly is— a terrorist organization devoted to violence against innocent people both within and beyond Lebanon's borders.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ALAN S. LOWENTHAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 18, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes:

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Chair, education is our greatest investment in our future. As with any long term investment, the real rewards of the investment are often not seen until decades later. Investment takes patience and foresight and a thoughtful approach.

Studies show that U.S. businesses are in need of workers that are collaborative and creative critical thinkers. We must build an educational system that supports the development of this workforce. To achieve this, we in Congress must reflect these values by working collaboratively and tapping the full complement of creative minds in this House. Our work product can only be as good as we are.

I ask that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle work with us to develop the kind of educational system that will provide the opportunity for every child to meet their potential and become assets to our country.

Let's begin by finding our common ground. We all can agree that our current accountability system goes too far and too often acts as the enemy of creativity. Our challenge is to develop policy that supports inspired learning environments while also accounting for ELL